

## **MINUTES**

### **IPAC - ADSA SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

July 8, 2009 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

OB-2, Room SL-03

Olympia, WA

**Attendees:** Colleen Cawston, Liz Mueller, Martha Holliday, Tiffany Sevruck, Jeannie Johnson, Rosi Francis, Cindy Trokey, Trudy Marcellay, and David Armes

**ADSA Matrix:** This agenda item was moved to the October subcommittee meeting.

**Update from ESA Subcommittee regarding ARRA:** David Armes, Home and Community Services Financial Manager, provided an update from his work with the ESA Subcommittee. They are currently waiting on federal guidance regarding the ARRA. However, the issue of burial funds, which is the primary interest of the ADSA subcommittee, is already in policy. David provided further information from WAC 388-475-0500 and clarification from the DSHS EAZ Manual:

- WAC 388-475-0500, SSI-related medical – Burial funds, contracts and spaces excluded as resources. (5) An irrevocable burial account, burial trust, or other irrevocable burial arrangement, set aside solely for burial and related expenses is not considered a resource. The amount set aside must be reasonably related to the anticipated death-related expenses in order to be excluded.
- Clarifying information in the DSHS EAZ Manual states: Irrevocable burial funds may be in any reasonable amount designated solely for burial and related expenses. Reasonableness must be evaluated on an individual, case by case basis, and should include cultural considerations and special burial arrangements. The purpose is to insure that only amounts expected to be used for death-related expenses are placed in irrevocable burial accounts.

**Update on Tribal/AAA Meeting – June 5, 2009:** Tiffany Sevruck provided a recap of the Tribal/AAA meeting hosted by Lummi Nation on June 5. Approximately 90 individuals attended, including representatives from 16 Tribes, 1 Indian Organization, 12 AAAs, 6 HCS regions, ADSA, and IPSS. The evaluations were mostly positive, and provided good suggestions for the next meeting.

**Planning for Upcoming Tribal/AAA Meeting:** The Muckleshoot Tribe volunteered to host the next Tribal/AAA meeting. Staff will ask for volunteers from IPAC to serve on the planning committee.